

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 345

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Private Review Agents -” and substitute “Coverage Determinations and”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 3 down through “insurance” in line 6 and substitute “repealing certain circumstances under which a private review agent may render a retroactive adverse decision for preauthorized health care services based on a lack of coverage for an individual or a specific health care service; requiring that certain group health insurance contracts contain a provision requiring certain entities to continue to pay the premium for an insured individual until notice of termination of coverage for that individual has been received by the carrier; and generally relating to coverage determinations by insurers and retroactive adverse decisions based on such determinations”; and after line 11, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 15-303(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-706(ff)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Volume and 1998 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 14, insert:

“15-303.

(Over)

(F) EACH POLICY OF GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE SHALL CONTAIN A PROVISION THAT REQUIRES THE EMPLOYER, LABOR UNION, ASSOCIATION, OR OTHER ENTITY TO WHICH A POLICY OF GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE HAS BEEN ISSUED TO CONTINUE TO PAY THE PREMIUM FOR AN EMPLOYEE, MEMBER, OR DEPENDENT UNDER THE POLICY UNTIL NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF COVERAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE INSURER.”.

On page 2, after line 7, insert:

“Article - Health - General

19-706.

(FF) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-303(F) OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.”.